

# Washington State Patrol Media Release

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## **Washington State Patrol's "Most Wanted" Arrest**

Detectives from the Tacoma Criminal Investigation Unit announced the arrest today of WSP Most Wanted suspect Epenser Haser by the U.S. Marshals' Service.

Haser was wanted for a vehicular assault that occurred on January 12, 2004 on the Yelm Highway just west of Kelly Beach Road. Haser had been drinking when he lost control of his vehicle and left the road striking a utility pole severely injuring his passenger. Haser subsequently failed to appear at his arraignment in Superior Court.

Tacoma WSP detectives learned that Haser failed to appear and discovered that he was in Wahiawa Hawaii. Detectives relayed the information to a WSP detective assigned to the US Marshal's Pacific Northwest Fugitive Apprehension Task Force who then coordinated Haser's arrest with the U.S. Marshals Service in Hawaii. The Marshals found Haser working in Honolulu and arrested him at about 6 p.m. on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004.

Although the Washington State Patrol is primarily responsible for state route collisions, we also investigate all felony collisions that occur on Thurston County roads. The Patrol is making arrangements for the return of Haser so that he can be brought to justice.

Haser is the 25<sup>th</sup> WSP Most Wanted Suspect arrested or located and brought to justice since the website was established in September of 2003.

For more information on the Washington State Patrol's "Most Wanted", go to the WSP website at [www.wsp.wa.gov](http://www.wsp.wa.gov).

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